

CITY OF WINKLER FIRE DEPARTMENT

2020 YEAR-END REPORT

Serving the City of Winkler & The RM of Stanley



FIRE CHIEF'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Winkler Fire Department (WFD) responded to 168 emergency calls in 2020, an overall increase of 1% from the previous year. The City of Winkler itself saw a 9% decrease in call volume from the previous year to 112, with no major incidents. The RM of Stanley emergency call volume in 2020 increased 22% to 51 calls. One incident of note was call #138, which took 6 days to bring to an end. There were 5 Mutual Aid calls in 2020, 3 more than in 2019.

With COVID 19, WFD expanded its platoon system, to ensure that we could continue to respond when a member had to be isolated for testing. No firefighters got sick from COVID 19 in 2020.

There was an increase in Fires & Hazardous Material incidents, but a decrease in all other response areas from 2019 (see page 3). Of note, 2020 saw the fewest MVA responses by WFD in a decade.

An overall summary of all emergency calls that Winkler Fire Department responded to in 2020 were as follows. The increase or decrease from 2019 is shown in brackets.

Fire incidents:	75 (+11)	Motor Vehicle Accidents	30 (-7)
HazMat incidents	7 (+5)	EMS Assists	1 (-2)
Carbon Monoxide	7 (-2)	Technical Rescue	5 (-1)
False Alarms	43 (-2)	<u>2020 CALL HOURS</u>	<u>613 (+148)</u>

STAFFING

Winkler Fire Department has 34 total staff as of December 31st. 1 full-time, 1 half-time, 1 quarter-time and the remaining 31 are part-time. Our staff fill the following positions.

- 1 Fire Chief
- 2 Deputy Fire Chiefs
- 4 Captains
- 4 Lieutenants
- 19 Firefighters
- 4 Communications/Logistics

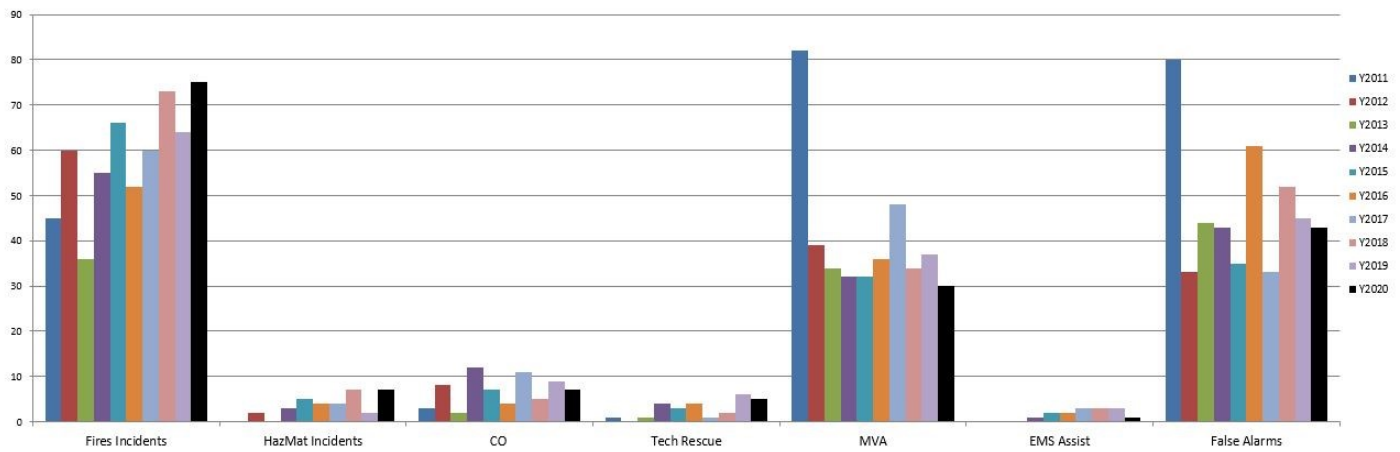
RESPONSE TIMES

The average response time in 2020 for the first arriving fire department apparatus establishing incident command from the time of dispatch was 4 minutes and 08 seconds within the City of Winkler and 7 minutes and 26 seconds within the Rural Municipality of Stanley

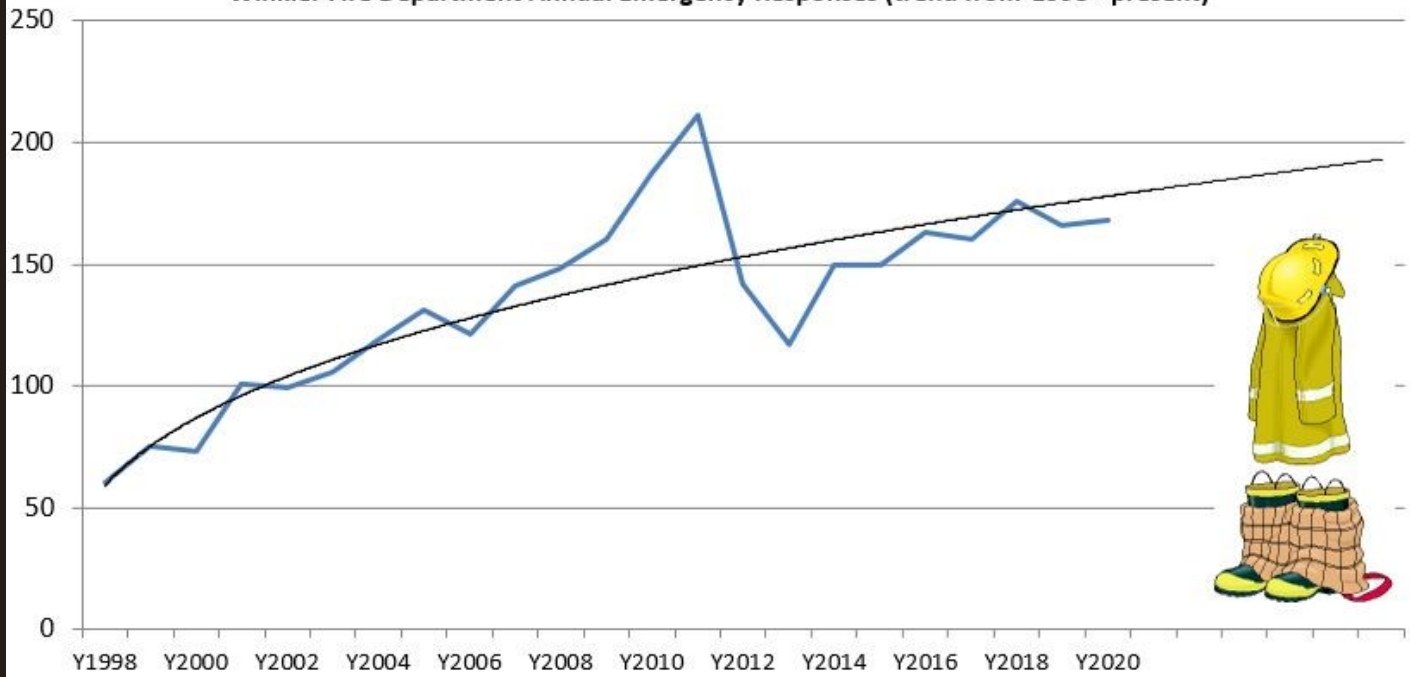
NFPA 1720 has set a minimum response time standard of 9 minutes for urban and 14 minutes for rural areas.

2020 STATISTICAL CHARTS

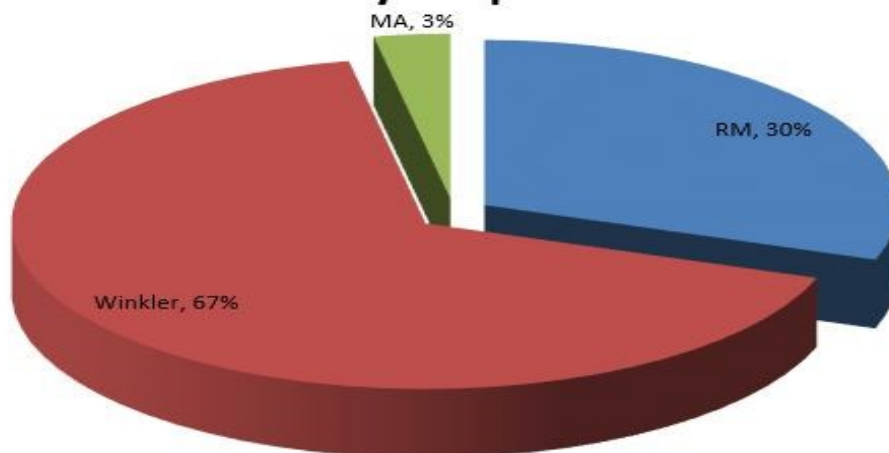
Incident Comparison 2011 - 2020



Winkler Fire Department Annual Emergency Responses (trend from 1998 - present)



Call Volume by Response Area - 2020



WFD 2020 promotions



CHRIS KALANSKY
CAPTAIN



TIM GUENTER
LIEUTENANT

Fire Chiefs Report (continued)

The RM call summary for 2020 is as follows. The increase or decrease from 2019 is shown in brackets (+-).

Fire incidents:	32 (+14)	Motor Vehicle Accidents	9 (-6)
HazMat incidents	2 (+1)	EMS Assists	0 (-1)
Carbon Monoxide	1 (+1)	Technical Rescue	1 (-2)
False Alarms	6 (+1)		

The City of Winkler call summary for 2020 is as follows. The increase or decrease from 2019 is shown in brackets (+-).

Fire incidents:	38 (-6)	Motor Vehicle Accidents	21 (-2)
HazMat incidents	5 (+3)	EMS Assists	1 (-1)
Carbon Monoxide	6 (-3)	Technical Rescue	4 (+1)
False Alarms	37 (-3)		

The major cause of residential fire incidents in 2020 resulted from unattended cooking.

There were no outstanding causes of fire in non-residential fire incidents in 2020.

Winkler Fire Department continued to inspect occupancies in 2020 as required by the Manitoba Fire Safety Inspection Regulation until COVID 19 put them on pause. The Manitoba Fire Safety Regulation clearly defines those properties which are required to be inspected on a regular basis by the local authorities.

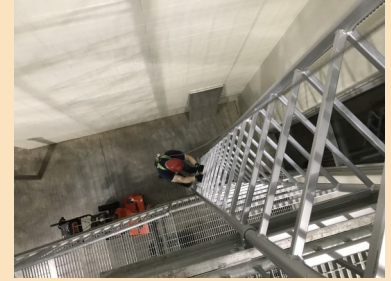
Public Education continued in which delivery of education in fire safety was done in various forms such as school tours, talks, open houses, fire drill exercises, and fire extinguisher training.

TRAINING

Fire departments have become expected to be all hazard responders. It is challenging to keep skill sets current on all these response types.

The goal is to make realistic but safe training experiences so our responders will be prepared!

In 2020, we also adapted training to keep the risk of COVID 19 to a minimum.



THANKFUL FOR OUR TRAINING SUPPORTS

Once again businesses have stepped forward to support the protection of our citizens in donations of items used to for our training site on George Avenue. In 2020 the following businesses donated to the training site in both props and training aids:

- Skyline Towing

Unit #260, a second tanker was put into service in 2020.

This increased capacity to deliver adequate water supply has been a game changer.



SPECIAL THANKS TO THE EMPLOYERS OF OUR FIREFIGHTERS

Please support the employers who release our firefighters to respond to the call. Without this key component, we would not be able to provide the skilled, cost effective emergency services to our communities.

CO-OP

LITTLE MORDEN SERVICE

LOADLINE MANUFACTURING

FRIESEN INSURANCE

PROTEC PLUMBING & HEATING

SOUTHERN POTATO

OPULENT SPAS

KLASSEN TECH

PETER NEUFELD CONSULTING

ED PENNER CONSTRUCTION

EVIRO TECH POWDER COATING

TIMBILT BUILDINGS

GATEWAY RESOURCES

HARVAL HOMES

CITY OF WINKLER

2020 W.F.D. MILESTONES

10 YEARS

- Kris Friesen
- Henry Giesbrecht
- James Wiebe
- John Wiebe
- Judy Penner

15 YEARS

- Kevin Penner
- Rick Schroeder

30 YEARS

- Tina Wolf

40 YEARS

- Ken Wieler

Average Years of Service for the Winkler Fire Department in 2020 was 17 years!



WFD 2020



Call #138 –Osterwick Bale Fire



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